

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:219

ANSWERED ON:17.03.2005

FUNDS UNDER INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR OLDER PERSONS

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of older persons is increasing year after year;
- (b) if so, the details of services being provided to older persons;
- (c) the reasons for allocating a meager sum of Rs.18.79 crore under the scheme an `Integrated Programme for Older Persons` for 2004-05;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to enhance the allocation for older persons programmes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 219 for 17.3.2005 asked by Shri Prabhunath Singh regarding Funds under `Integrated Programme for Older Persons`.

Part (a): Yes, Sir.

Part (b) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is providing financial assistance under its two grant in aid schemes for the welfare of the elderly to Non Governmental Organisations working in the field of welfare of older persons. The details are as below:-

(i) Scheme of `Integrated Programme for Older Persons`, through which financial assistance up to 90% of the project cost is provided to NGOs for establishing and maintaining old age homes, day care centres, mobile medicare units and to provide non-institutional services to older persons. 863 old age homes/day care centres, mobile medicare units and non institutional service centres are operational under the scheme since its inception.

(ii) Scheme of Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisations/Self Help Groups for construction of old age homes/multi service centers for older persons under which funds are provided for one time construction grant for old age homes/multi service centers to Registered societies, public trusts, Companies registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, registered Self-help Groups of Older Persons and Panchayati Raj Institutions. Since its inception (1996-97),45 old age homes have been constructed in different parts of the country under the scheme.

Part (c) The budget of Rs. 18.79 crore for 2004-05 is sufficient to provide financial assistance to run the projects of old age homes, day care centers, mobile medicare units and non- institutional service centers under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons.

Parts (d) & (e) : Yes Sir. The budget allocation under the scheme is constantly increasing every year. During the last financial year 2003-04 the budget allocation was Rs. 17.80 crore, for the current financial year it is Rs. 18.79 crore and it is proposed to increase it to Rs. 24.05 crore during the next financial year 2005-06.

Part (f): Does not arise.